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of North Carolina

The latest news & upcoming events
for engineering excellence in
North Carolina

Upcoming Events:

February

2.17.2022

Environmental & Energy
Committee Meeting

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Transportation Committee
Meeting

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Business Practices
Committee Meeting

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Legislative Committee
Meeting

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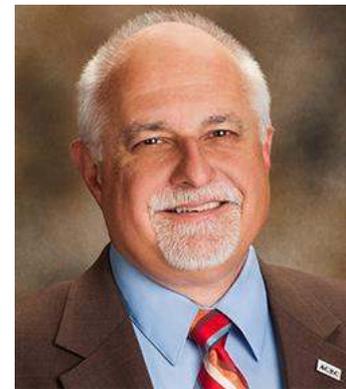
ECNC Education and
Advocacy Fundraising
Event

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A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

We have certainly kicked off the new year with a bang with just one month behind us. As I write this message, we are coming off of a great B&I Committee Symposium where we heard valuable insights on the new opportunities across our industry, buoyed by increased federal funds. These opportunities will be the focus of many upcoming events and the growth of partnerships with like-minded organizations, including the NC League of Municipalities, NC Metro Mayors Coalition, State Construction Office, and economic developers across the state.



And speaking of events, your ACEC/NC team has so much more in store. I encourage you to check out the Events Calendar on the left-hand side of this month's newsletter and the ACEC/NC [website](#).

On the advocacy front, things remain quiet on Capitol Hill and Jones Street as legislators remain in their typical slow start to their year. Our advocacy team continues to have productive conversations with legislative leaders to ensure a long-term funding source for infrastructure projects.

Click [here](#) to read the letter in full.

3.22.2022

Business Practices
Committee Meeting

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3.29.2022

Business Practices
Committee Event

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Pitch Fore The PAC

Bring your clients, colleagues or reward your staff for a job well done and join us as we "Pitch Fore the PAC" at Topgolf!

No golf experience necessary as Topgolf combines the best elements of bowling and a driving range. From an assigned lane or "bay" you'll get hit micro-chipped golf balls at giant targets!

This event is strictly for FUN and to raise money for the ACEC/NC State PAC.

ACEC/NC member registration is \$85 and covers the event costs and is not a PAC donation.

Click [here](#) and register by Friday, March 11th.



ECNC Education and Advocacy Fundraising Event

The mission of Engineering Companies for North Carolina (ECNC) is: to Educate and Advocate on behalf of Engineering Companies in North Carolina.

Please support ECNC in raising funds to help promote the legislative interests of North Carolina engineering firms that may come before the NC Legislative Body in the coming session by attending our 2nd annual Education and Advocacy Fundraising Event. Taking place at Pinehurst

Resort on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Engineering firms practicing in North Carolina will benefit from this informational event.

Please visit the [ECNC website](#) for more information and the register for this event.



ACEC Scholarship Application

The ACEC Research Institute has begun accepting applications for the **2022-2023 Academic Year**. Scholarships are available to students entering their junior, senior, or fifth year pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in engineering or in an accredited land-surveying program.

All scholarship applications are due by **February 18th, 2022**.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

OSHA Withdraws ETS, So Now What?



Last week, the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy hosted its monthly Labor/Safety Roundtable. One of the topics presented was employers' continued responsibilities in the wake of the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) being withdrawn.

At the SBA Roundtable, a presentation was made on the responsibilities that employers are still required to maintain, such as having a written policy in place to provide employees a workplace free of recognized hazards. COVID-19 is legally classified as a recognized hazard by OSHA. Employers are allowed to require vaccine or testing in the workplace, but they must provide adequate religious and medical exemptions. The Department of Labor does not provide guidance on covering the costs of testing. However, if testing is an employer requirement for non-vaccinated employees the employer may be responsible for covering the costs of testing. Time spent on

employer-required testing or vaccination during the regular day or shift is compensable. Read the full article [here](#).

Featured Member Spotlight

Founded in 2003, [HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.](#) (HRV) specializes in helping to assure the quality of construction materials for use in transportation and infrastructure. HRV's mission is to be recognized by its clients and peers as the leader in quality assurance, quality control, and construction management through proven excellence, commitment to its clients and employees, and the application of technology.



Located in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, 15 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, HRV built a team of over 200 certified Quality Assurance Inspectors located nationwide who provide inspection of steel, coatings, aluminum, concrete, timber, and FRP. They also do nondestructive testing, materials sampling, high-strength bolt testing, review trial assembly inspections or virtual assemblies, facility assessment audits, and technical consultation.

HRV's leadership and staff understand the dynamic market they serve. The combination of HRV's commitment, knowledge, and industry-recognized experts fosters a reputation of a company that is committed to delivering quality services. This commitment has enabled HRV to serve over 50 other transportation agencies in nearly 300 facilities and project sites worldwide.

HRV has held an agreement with NCDOT since 2008 to execute sampling, testing, and inspection services to monitor fabrication production processes, thereby ensuring the quality of raw materials, assemblies, and components used in construction projects throughout North Carolina. HRV was also involved in many notable projects, including the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge (NY) reconstruction, the Liberty Bridge (PA) rehab, the One World Trade Center Freedom Tower (NY) and more.

HRV received the PA Society of Professional Engineers Outstanding Achievement award for the Liberty Bridge Rehab project in 2019. Company founder, H. Rochelle Stachel, received the 2012 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year award, and has received awards from organizations including Pittsburgh Business Times, Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, and Smart Business Pacesetter.

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